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## NO DECISION YET AS TO JUDGESHIP

Auditor Will Pay No Money Pending Opinion by Attorney-General.

There is no change in the situation which has arisen through the legality of the existence of the Hastings Court, Part 2, of Richmond, and of the tenure of office by Judge Ernest H. Wells. There is no question that the matter may become serious at any moment. While the Auditor of Public Accounts originally asked the Attorney-General for instructions as to the payment of the Judge's salary, an opinion of Judge Williams to the effect that the court was improperly constituted would at once throw matters into inextricable confusion until the question could be finally passed upon by the Supreme Court.

Judge Williams said yesterday that he had as yet written no decision in the matter. There is a general impression among State officials, however, that as he has had the papers before him for some time his decision is not likely to be favorable to the payment of the salary by Colonel Marye.

**Prepared to Argue.** Judging from the statement made by City Attorney Henry R. Pollard and by Judge Wells, it may be gathered that they compiled authorities on the point for the purpose of argument before the Attorney-General. Had they believed he would decide that the court is valid, it is argued, the attorneys would not have gone to the trouble and expended the labor in preparing citations.

Acting under a designation by the Governor, Judge Wells went yesterday to Nottingham county, to hold a term of the Circuit Court. It may be that some one there may raise the question of his being a judge.

It is, of course, generally hoped that some satisfactory solution may be reached to what is unquestionably a serious situation.

**Dies From Burns.** Mrs. Amanda Bowles, about seventy-five years old, died at the City Hospital yesterday morning as the result of burns received while trying to extinguish a fire in her home at 20 West Canal Street, about 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. The flame from an oil lamp caught window curtains in the woman's room. She attempted to put the fire out when her clothing ignited, and in a moment she was enveloped in flames.

**White Men Sent to Jail.** Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, John W. Collins and Robert Williams, well-dressed white men, were yesterday sentenced to thirty days each in jail by Justice Crutcher. There were twelve counts against them. Colonel John S. Harwood, who was victimized out of \$5, appeared to the court for leniency. Councilman John Hirschberg also pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

**ONE Dozen Heavy Gold Plated Safety Pins, 25c.** SMITH & WEBSTER, 612 E. Main. Jewelers, Time Specialists.

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## RICHMOND WANTS NEXT CONVENTION

United Commercial Travelers Will Decide It at Baltimore Grand Council.

### MANY DELEGATES ATTEND

Big Party Over Town Before Party Leaves for Monumental City on Wednesday.

Elaborate preparation is being made by Richmond Council, No. 159, United Commercial Travelers of America, for representation at the Grand Council of the jurisdiction of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and the District of Columbia, which will be in session in Baltimore Thursday and Friday of next week. The Richmond delegates are A. J. Huff, John B. Taylor, T. R. Aaron, R. L. Gathright, George T. Nelson and W. B. Moore. In addition to the delegates, a large number of members of the local council will attend.

The delegates will leave Murphy's Hotel next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in automobiles for a parade through the principal streets to the Southern Railway Station, where they will embark in a special car for West Point, where a steamer will await them to complete the journey to the Monumental City. Once there they will be royally entertained, a yachting cruise, a crab feast, a trip down Chesapeake Bay with stops at Annapolis and other points of interest being a few of the features that have been arranged for their enjoyment.

**Richmond Seeks Honor.** Among other live questions which will come before the Grand Council is the selection of the next meeting place. A spirited contest is on for the convention next year, and a half dozen cities are vying for the honor.

The Richmond council will endeavor to have the Grand Council come here in 1912, and the ball will be started rolling at the coming meeting. Should succeed, the convention will mean a big thing to Richmond, the effort attracts thousands of members of the order, their wives and families. Considerable time will be given to discussion of the hotel bill, which was passed at the last session of the Legislature largely through the efforts of the United Commercial Travelers of the State. Several States have shown a desire to follow Virginia's lead in this respect, and numerous inquiries have been received from all over the country.

The jurisdiction to which the Richmond council is attached is composed of more than 5,000 commercial travelers, and is a part of the national order, which has a grand total of nearly 60,000 members. The order is just at the close of the twenty-second year of its existence, and when it is remembered that its membership is composed entirely of commercial travelers, city salesmen and merchandise brokers, its growth seems phenomenal.

**Big Delegation Going.** Richmond Council, No. 159, is especially honored in having at this time two of the officers of the Grand Council as members. They are W. T. Shepherd, who is past grand counselor, and G. L. Reid, grand sentinel. The officers of the council are: D. D. MacGregor, secretary; A. T. Gray, senior counselor; John C. Goode, junior counselor; A. J. Huff, past counselor; Arthur Levy, conductor; R. L. Gathright, page; C. C. Hitt, sentinel; H. M. Wright, George F. Bagby, J. H. Spicer, James D. Hitt, members of the executive committee.

Some of the well known traveling men who will attend the Grand Council from Richmond are: B. C. Nelson, George T. Nelson, E. C. Saunders, George R. Newsome, G. L. Hudgins, G. L. Reid, F. B. Lawton, Thomas S. Gibson, Leroy Hutzler, M. H. Wright, M. G. Wright, Charles Wright, T. R. Aaron, John D. Taylor, A. J. Huff, W. T. Shepherd, W. A. Powers, Dan Compton, C. L. Goodman, W. B. Moore, J. H. Spicer, Arthur Levy, A. B. Abrams, D. D. MacGregor, J. D. Hitt, C. C. Hitt, John Harris, Robert Simpson, W. D. Chiles, R. L. Gathright, J. C. Goode, A. J. Gray, Edwin Waters, J. M. Shepherd, C. A. Spence, Jr., and J. P. Seegren.

The last reports received from Catawba are most encouraging. All of the patients are doing well, and many of those who were at the sanatorium when the January bulletin was issued have returned to their homes.

### NOT GOING TO DIE

Mrs. Wold, Who Took Poison In Capitol Square, Will Recover.

Physicians said that Mrs. Elinore Wold, the trained nurse who attempted to commit suicide early yesterday morning in Capitol Square by swallowing sixteen grains of morphine, will recover within a few days. She was found yesterday afternoon at her boarding house, at 515 East Franklin Street, that she was driven to desperation because of unrequited love.

Mrs. Wold tried to kill herself Wednesday afternoon in the office of the man she claims scorned her love. She was prevented from shooting herself by her husband, who took the pistol from her hands. Determined to end her life, she went to her room and secured morphine, which she swallowed in Capitol Square.

**RUNAWAY CAUGHT** Dorothy McClaren Brought Back to City From Petersburg. Dorothy McClaren, sixteen years old, who escaped from the old Ballard House on Franklin Street, last Tuesday night, where she had been placed in care of the Associated Charities, was yesterday found in Petersburg by the police. She was brought back to Richmond last night and again committed to the care of the society. The McClaren girl, tiring of being cared for by the Associated Charities, leaped from a window some time Tuesday night and made her escape. She was slightly injured as a result of jumping from the building. According to attaches at the Associated Charities the girl was sent there by order of the court in Petersburg. She is being given a home there in an effort to keep her from evil influences.

## SEABOARD ASKED FOR CONCESSIONS

Local Shippers Take Matter Up to State Corporation Commission.

### DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

Jones Saved From Chair—Smith and Noel Die To-Day—Swanson Visits Capitol.

Applications from certain Richmond shippers that the Seaboard Air Line Railway be required to accord certain unloading facilities were heard yesterday morning by the State Corporation Commission. It was agreed between the parties in interest that efforts should be made to get concessions from the railway concerned. The whole question was one of convenience to the shippers. They asked that the Seaboard be required to unload freight from its tracks after it had been hauled into the city by the roads, upon payment of the nominal switching charge, which varies from \$2 to \$3.50. This would, of course, be applied only in cases where it would be more convenient to unload from the Seaboard yards than from the tracks of the receiving railway.

For example, a shipment might be received over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, and be easier to unload from the Seaboard yard than from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac yards, and the commission would make a rule to the Seaboard should put it on its tracks, accepting the switching charge.

The railway resisted the application. It said that it should be forced to make this concession, when it might interfere with the unloading of freight received from or for its own customers on its own yard. It was, however, ready to agree to accept this business at local rates, which would be at a minimum charge of ten miles' hauling. The shippers, of course, did not want to pay to this extent. Charles R. Hays, vice-president of the Seaboard, and H. M. Boykin, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, viewed the matter from the latter road up payment by the shipper of extra charges.

### JONES SAID FROM CHAIR

Governor Commutes Sentence—Smith and Noel Die To-Day.

Governor M. W. Smith yesterday commuted the sentence of William Jones, alias "Shorty," of Pulaski, from death in the electric chair to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for life. Jones killed another negro five months ago. A large signed petition in favor of the Southwest to asking for clemency in this case Judge Thornton L. Massey agreeing to the interests of justice would be served by a life sentence.

The Governor refused to further interfere in the case of Henry Smith, of Alexandria, and he will be electrocuted this morning, along with Thomas Noel, of Norfolk. The death sentence of the other three murderers of Walter Schuit was held for next Friday, after numerous appeals. Smith was tried last. It is largely upon his confession that the other two were convicted, but has since varied his previous statements by other confessions, so that has become difficult to make of his truth from the made of lies involved in the case.

Noel killed an office The Governor announced last week that he would not interfere in this case.

**State Board Meet.** A meeting of the State Board of Education will be held June 15, provided a quorum can be obtained on that date. The board is authorized to find if the members can be present.

**Swanson at Capitol.** Ex-Governor Claude Swanson, for the first time since left office on January 1, visited the Capitol yesterday. He had come to the city to attend the funeral of B. Munford.

The former Governor bronzed from the work of hoeing pines and similar Cincinnati puns on his farm in Pittsylvania county. He said he did not know a single about politics, but would have good corn crop. Mr. Swanson called off the State officials.

He left last night, Salem, where to-day he will deliver an address at the unveiling of a Confederate monument. He has promised the Ninth District Democratic Committee to spend two weeks during the summer in active campaigning for the election of Henry C. Stuart, who has been promised to give Mr. Slomp and the Republicans the very best he has in shop.

**Discuss Exemptions.** State Bank Exam C. C. Barkas, of South Boston, gave an address yesterday in obedience to a summons from the State Corporation Commission. Matters were discussed relative to the beginning of his work June 1.

**Staff Not Lag.** The Governor will be accompanied by his official staff as ceremonies at Petersburg to-day.

**Judge Williams' Visitor.** Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams will be the orator to a Confederate memorial celebration at South Boston, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Judge Williams will deliver addresses of honor to the veterans.

**No Bids for Imber.** No formal bid has been received by the committee authorized to consider offers for the purchase of the Chamber of Commerce building and property. There was a meeting of the stockholders yesterday afternoon to hear a report from the committee, but in the absence of any bids the meeting was adjourned.

**Grand Secretaries.** Richard Schaefer, of Britain, Conn., grand secretary of the Order of Hermann Goebels, in the city yesterday on business was entertained by members of the Chamber of Commerce. The order is the largest German order in the United States.

## EDITOR ROSCOWER, FINDER OF GRAFT

Tarheel Who Saw It First in 'Frisco Starts on Hike Number Three.

### TO TAKE MEAL WITH BRYANS

Owner of Headlight Ready Now to Turn It on Industrial Conditions.

Arthur Roscower, editor of the Goldsboro (N. C.) Headlight, was here yesterday, hot on the trail, for his pursuit will extend over 20,000 miles. It was Roscower who discovered the mammoth morass of graft out in San Francisco, which has involved Mayor Schmitz and his tools in the most startling chapter in the history of municipal dishonesty and corruption. Yet, this time, the man from Goldsboro is not looking for the municipal malefactor; he has gone a-gathering industrial, educational and agricultural complacency from the Far West, so that he may come back and write the story of how they do it for the rest of the country. He is a master-collector of such information, and he makes his knowledge gained useful to the people generally by syndicate it in 200 papers in every part of the United States. Twice before he has toured the country in quest of such valuable information, in 1895 and in 1896.

**Carries Seal of State.** Bearing the benediction, with the seal of the State thereunto affixed, of Governor Will Kitchen, and a most interesting letter from Governor M. W. Simmons, the senior United States Senator from North Carolina, Mr. Roscower left the Tarheel State yesterday, staying a few hours in Richmond. He will go to Omaha, and will then go through the West into Mexico and Canada.

One of his special destinations is Fairview, Neb., the farm upon which Farmer William Jennings Bryan grows alfalfa and hay. "I know the Bryans well," said Mr. Roscower yesterday, "and I am going out to see them. The head of the house is in Europe, but I shall visit the family. Mr. Bryan has a wonderful farm." "I shall study the immigration question profoundly," he continued, "while I am in the West. I desire to investigate to find out what sort of immigrants are best to bring here into the South. I wish to know whether white or colored immigrants are the best. I am going to look closely into this matter and report to the people of the South."

"Then, too, I shall look fully into the labor saving devices in farm machinery, which are used so extensively in the West. Just what they do and how they do it I will tell in my letters back home. I think we have much to learn from the West in this direction."

Asked about his connection with the San Francisco graft investigation, Mr. Roscower smiled deprecatingly, and said, "Why, yes, I discovered it. I was on a trip similar to the one I am now making, and arrived in San Francisco shortly after the earthquake in 1906. I found conditions there reeking with rotteness, and the people being held up and robbed by those who were stealing from the honest."

**How He Fooled 'Em.** "Large amounts of money were being sent to the city officials by persons who wished to relieve the earthquake sufferers who were starving. I wish to know whether white or colored immigrants are the best. I am going to look closely into this matter and report to the people of the South."

"The meals sold to the starving people, supposedly under the auspices of the city, were the source of stupendous graft. Sold at 15 cents, they did not cost 2 cents. I went into one of the tents, but I was known to be investigating, and they served me a really good meal to try to throw me off the track. However, I slipped by them, and got a typical meal, and it was indescribably poor. It was graft here, graft there, graft holding up and robbing, taking the last morsel from the lips of the dying."

**Fined for Speeding.** For exceeding the speed limit with their car, N. W. Bowe, H. H. Soper and Charles W. Shields, were yesterday fined \$5 each in the Police Court by Justice Crutcher. Mr. Bowe appealed to the Hastings Court. The others paid their fines.

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Appreciation of the courtesies shown the women who came along with the convention members is expressed in this way: "The Southern regard for the women is proverbial, and never was it better demonstrated than at the Richmond conventions. The South fairly outdid itself in providing entertainment and pleasure for the fair sex. The hospitality of the Chamber of Commerce and of the local piano men is warmly praised on all sides."

## To-Day's Attractions

Men's Suits at \$14.50, Worth Up to \$25.00.  
Men's Straw Hats at \$1.65, Worth Up to \$3.00.  
Men's Soft Shirts at \$1.05, Worth \$1.50.  
Men's Silk Hose at 50c, Worth \$1.00.  
Boys' Knee Pants Suits at \$2.50, Worth Up to \$7.50.

## GANS-RADY COMPANY

## JANITORS WIN SURVIVORS HERE IN COMMITTEE TO HONOR DEAD

Tempest in Teapot Between Council Committees Over Cleaning City Hall. Eighth New York Artillery to Dedicate Monument at Cold Harbor.

The much discussed contest between Building Inspector Beck, who is custodian of the City Hall, and his force of janitors, is to be transferred to the floor of the Council. The action of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night makes it rather a contest between that body and the Committee on Finance, the two having recommended conflicting ordinances. The whole thing began through an apparently laudable desire on the part of the janitors to have their pay raised. They were getting \$55 per month, were permanently employed, and were working under the direction of the Building Inspector, keeping the building cleaner than it has been kept in years. The Committee on Grounds and Buildings, months ago, recommended that the pay be increased to \$65 per month, and went on to specify that the janitors should be elected by and be responsible to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings.

The paper went the usual rounds. The Committee on Finance, Charter and Reform thought the increase excessive, and recommended it. In the Finance Committee the whole question was gone over, the view being expressed that the man who held responsible for the condition of the building should have the power to employ and suspend members of his force.

The Superintendent of Street Cleaning, it was pointed out, employs all of his men, without intervention of the committee on that subject, similar conditions exist in the Street Department, the Water and Light Department, and other places where labor is employed.

The Committee on Finance therefore recommended a substitute ordinance, providing that the Grounds and Buildings Committee should have general care of the City Hall; providing for two firemen, two watchmen, three elevator men, at varying salaries, and then for not more than seven janitors, at \$225 per day, and providing that the janitors shall be appointed by the Building Inspector, and that they might be removed or cause, should they be reported to the committee at its next meeting.

Then the janitors declared they would not be put on a per diem basis, where they might be laid off at times or where they would not be paid on days they did not show up for work. When the ordinance came to the Council it was recommended to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, and was passed with by a vote of 15 to 10, headed by Mr. Don Leavy. Last night the subcommittee reported to the general committee recommending the original ordinance, and its chairman described the work of the Finance Committee as a "high-handed piece of interference calculated to destroy the dignity of this committee."

Mr. Moncreux and Chairman Watkins thought the Inspector should have consulted with the committee, but they were in a hopeless minority.

An extended detail report, providing for the reopening of certain playgrounds, was adopted, and the subcommittee on playgrounds was authorized to send one of its members to attend a convention of playground experts in Rochester, N. Y., at a cost not to exceed \$98, out of the playground fund.

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Marking the forty-sixth anniversary of the battle of Cold Harbor, eighty-eight of the remaining handful of survivors of the Eighth New York Heavy Artillery are assembled in Richmond to-day to be present at the dedication of a monument which designates the spot where their late commander, Colonel Peter A. Porter, and 525 of their comrades are buried in the Federal Cemetery. The veterans were conspicuous about the streets yesterday, and in the lobbies of the hotels, being distinguished by the red badges which they wore. Accompanying them to Richmond are many relatives and friends and a number of women.

The dedication exercises will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when addresses will be delivered by ex-Congressman Peter A. Porter, Jr., of Niagara Falls, and H. O. Taylor, of Albion, N. Y., secretary of the Veterans Association. The monument was donated by the State of New York at a cost of \$1,500, and a like amount was appropriated to defray the expenses of the veterans invited to their trip to Richmond. The shaft is of Barry granite and impressive in appearance.

**Had Unhonorable Record.** Among the organizations which distinguished themselves by their valiant service in the Civil War none had a more picturesque career than the Eighth New York, nor a more honorable record. The command was recruited from Niagara, Orleans and Genesee counties, at the beginning of the struggle, and numbered 1,800 men, two-thirds of whom lost their lives in the four years' fighting that followed.

The command assisted in the defense of Baltimore until the spring of 1861, when it was ordered to join Grant's army in Virginia. It was on the afternoon of June 2 of that memorable year that the order was given to charge at Cold Harbor. Owing to the sudden intervention of a storm, the order was countermanded until the next day, when in the battle that ensued the Eighth Artillery lost 525 men, including their gallant commander. His body was found two days later between the pickets of the two forces, and several days later, a truce in the meanwhile having been declared, the bodies of the men who are interred in the cemetery here were recovered, all of them at that time being beyond identification.

In his memoirs General Grant states that the charge of the Eighth Artillery at Cold Harbor was one of the most disastrous mistakes of the war, as it was practically known beforehand that the command would be doomed to annihilation. The loss to the brigade in the charge was the second greatest sustained by any organization during the conflict. To-day less than 200 members of the famous old regiment remain.

The veterans will bring their stay in Richmond to a close this afternoon, when they will return to their homes in their native State. They express a desire to meet any of the old Cold Harbor, to clasp with them the hand of friendship and to discuss anew that memorable occasion.

**OFFICERS OF ARMY VISIT RICHMOND** Are Shown Over City—Every One Pleased With Instruction Camp.

In revenge for the strenuous life of the new recruits, the Richmond Infantry officers took the visiting army instructors through a course of instruction yesterday afternoon. The camp near Petersburg broke up about noon, all the officers returning to their duty. The instructors being their guests. The rest of the day was spent in automobile riding and kindred pursuits. The Northerners being shown the sights of Richmond. They left last night for New York State, where the next camp of instruction will be held.

The local commanders are as brown as berries. Their muscles are in prime condition, their appetites enormous, and they are well supplied with new ideas in army manoeuvres. All are well satisfied with the trip and full of the belief that its results will be of lasting value to the military forces of the State.

Militiamen are talking now about the coming manoeuvres camp at Gettysburg, which will be participated in by thousands of the regular army and the organized militia. All the infantry and field artillery commands are expected.

An especially pleasing feature of the Petersburg camp was the lecture yesterday morning on the battle of the Crater. The companies marched to the battlefield, where the officers were shown the positions of the troops, their marches and attacks, and the details of construction of the mine.

**Sent to Reformatory.** In the Hastings Court yesterday morning Judge Witt committed to a Catholic institution for wayward negro children, in Baltimore, Adie Burrell, the eight-year-old girl who was recently convicted of house-burning.

**Kills Vermin.** We will pay \$50 in gold for vermin that insects will not instantly kill. Velvetta Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.